

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in this application. By this response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2009, claims 1, 2, 9, 10, and 15 are amended, and claims 17-44 are canceled without prejudice. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, including the claims, as originally filed. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the foregoing amendments and following comments is respectfully submitted.

In section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-16, 21, 22, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0118275 (Harman) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,945,965 (Inoguchi). In section 18 of the Office Action, claims 17-20, 23-28, 31, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harman in view of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0008906 (Tomita) and Inoguchi. In section 29 of the Office Action, claims 33-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harman in view of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0216147 (Yanosy), Tomita, and Inoguchi. Applicants respectfully traverse.

As claims 17-44 are canceled, the rejections predicated upon Tomita and Yanosy are moot.

Amended independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that

the rendering means, regarding each viewpoint image of the object to be stereoscopically displayed, renders an object on an adjacent side of the object to be stereoscopically displayed in such a manner that a location thereof is deviated toward a side of the deviation direction of the object to be stereoscopically displayed.

Also, amended independent claim 9 recites, *inter alia*,

regarding each viewpoint image of the object to be stereoscopically displayed, an object on an adjacent side of the object to be stereoscopically

displayed is rendered in such a manner that a location thereof is deviated toward a side of the deviation direction and of the object to be stereoscopically displayed.

In embodiments of the above limitations of claims 1 and 9, it is possible to reduce the erosion (hiding) of an object on an adjacent side of the object to be stereoscopically displayed, as illustrated in FIG. 4(b) of this application. *See also* paragraph [0048]-[0050] of the specification.

In contrast, although Harman, paragraphs [0062]-[0082] describes laterally displacing 2D image objects and/or layers, Harman does not disclose or render obvious that regarding each viewpoint image of the object to be stereoscopically displayed, an object on an adjacent side of the object to be stereoscopically displayed is rendered in such a manner that a location thereof is deviated toward a side of the deviation direction and of the object to be stereoscopically displayed, as recited in claims 1 and 9.

For at least the above reasons, Harman does not render obvious the claimed subject matter. Inoguchi, Tomita, and Yanosy, individually or in combination, do not bridge these gaps between the claims subject matter and Harman. Thus, the cited art does not render the claimed subject matter obvious. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under Section 103.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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